Ray Gets FBI Special Listing

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Escaped convict James Earl Ray was given an extraordinary emergency listing on the FBI's roster of 10 most wanted criminals yesterday, intensifying the nationwide manhunt for the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Ray, 40, who the FBI says masqueraded as Eric Starvo Galt at the time King was slain in Memphis, was placed on the list even though there are 10 fugitives already on it. This has happened but once before in the history of the 10 most wanted.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover decided to add Ray as an 11th most wanted to insure the widest possible dissemination of the criminal's picture and description to the police and the public.

In addition, a special alert was set up in the Mexican border area in the event Ray tries to flee the country.

SPECIAL arrangements were made to show Ray's picture on the ABC-TV show, "The FBI," this evening.

Ray has a number of distinguishing features. His left ear protrudes noticeably and he has a habit of nervously pulling on his ear lobes. There is a small scar on the center of his forehead and another scar on his right palm.

Ray is a man with many aliases. In addition to Galt, he has used such names as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conners, the FBI says.